



Commissioner Jerry Patterson Biography for Spoken Introductions

Born in Houston, Texas on November 15, 1946 Jerry Patterson graduated Texas A&M, Class of 1969 and received his commission in the United States Marine Corps. In 1972 he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was later designated as a Naval Flight Officer. Patterson served in Marine fighter squadrons until his retirement from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993. Five generations of his family have served in the military in time of war.

In 1993, Patterson was elected to the Texas Senate from District 11. As senator, Patterson passed the historic concealed handgun law, a constitutional amendment allowing home equity lending, the state coastal management plan and a bill creating the Texas State Veterans Home Program, among others.

Elected as Land Commissioner in 2002, Jerry has four children, twins Samantha and Cole, born in 2004, Emily and Travis. Travis is also a graduate of Texas A&M, where he was commissioned as a Marine Lieutenant, and has served two tours of duty in Iraq as a U.S. Marine attack helicopter pilot.